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SUBJECT: ALLEGED ISRAELI WAR PLANS

1. WE ARE SUBMITTING FOLLOWING REPORT WHICH WE FIND FAR-
FETCHED AND TOTALLY UNSUBSTANTIATED. IT MAY, HOWEVER,
BE OF SOME INTEREST, PARTICULARLY ITS REFERENCE TO JAN.
27, 1975 WHICH MAY HAVE SOME MEANING TO OTHERS THAN US.

2. MR. DOSCH, BEIRUT REP. OF HUGHES AIRCRAFT, CALLED AT
EMBASSY AT 0910Z ON SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 1975 TO CONVEY
THE FOLLOWING INFO ACQUIRED FROM ZIAD MANGO, OWNER OF
DEVELOPMENT OFFICE CO., LOCATED NEAR KING'S HOTEL IN
BEIRUT. (MANGO IS JORDANIAN NATIONAL, RELATED TIO KING
HUSSEIN, AND BY VIRTUE OF HIS ACTIVITIES IN CONSTRUCTION
FIELD HAS WIDE CONTACTS THROUGHOUT ARAB WORLD. MANGO
HAS HAD RELATIONSHIP FOR SOME FEW YEARS WITH HUGHES
AIRCRAFT AND DOSCH, WHO IS SOUND INDIVIDUAL, HAS
KNOWN MANGO FOR MORE THAN ONE YEAR. DOSCH FEELS
THAT MANGO IS RELIABLE AND WELL PLUGGED-IN. MANGO
INFORMED DOSCH THAT HE HAD, OVER LAST SEVERAL DAYS,
CONVEYED FOLLOWING INFO TO KING HUSSEIN, WHO WAS
SKEPTICAL, AND TO MANGO'S BUSINESS CONTACTS IN THE
GULF AREA):

3. ISRAEL PLANS TO LAUNCH GENERAL ATTACK MORNING APRIL

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13 AGAINST JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND ALL GULF STATES.

ISRAELIS PROMPTED TO ACT BY THEIR CONVICTION THAT
POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC AND PROPAGANDA TIDE HAS TURNED
AGAINST THEM AND THAT POLICY REVIEW IN US WILL NOT
REDOUND TO THEIR BENEFIT. THEY HOPE THAT ADVERSE RE-
ACTION IN US AND ELSEWHERE AS RESULT OF THEIR ATTACK
WILL SOON DIE DOWN BECAUSE THEY INTEND ESTABLISH THEM-
SELVES IN POSITION TO DETERMINE PRICING POLICIES OF
ARAB OIL-PRODUCING STATES AND IMMEDIATELY LOWER PETRO-
LEUM PRICE TO DOLLARS ONE PER BARREL. ISRAEL HAD
ORIGINALLY PLANNED TO LAUNCH SIMILAR STRIKE ON JANUARY 27,
1975 BUT WAS DISSUADED AS RESULT OF USG INTERVENTION
AT HIGHEST LEVELS.
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